

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 837

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jaliyah Peterson, Miss Black Clarksville 2014.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative individual is Jaliyah Peterson of Clarksville, who was recently crowned Miss Black Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Miss Peterson is the tenth victor in this annual contest designed to be a step apart from the traditional pageant, presenting a face of Clarksville youth that is both positive and inspiring; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Westcreek High School and a trained singer and dancer, Miss Peterson fully represents the intelligence and spirit of positivity that the event's organizers have made manifest in this title; and

WHEREAS, with the unique approach this pageant takes to defining and lifting up the beauty of young women, Miss Black Clarksville engages contestants in two months of activities to identify and polish unusual talents and abilities and gain exposure to valuable opportunities for fostering camaraderie among all of the young women; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Black Clarksville pageant also encourages sisterhood, which is seeded and fostered as younger girls participating in competition categories are encouraged to become ambassadors within the community and thus gain exposure for the positivity of the event for all participants, inasmuch as each girl involved receives educational scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the newly crowned Miss Black Clarksville clearly has a sharp mind and ambitions on her future. Miss Peterson is an excellent speaker, singer, and dancer, whose talent performance showcased her strength of body and mind; and

WHEREAS, her intelligence is blossoming, as she attends classes at her local high school as well as Austin Peay State University Middle College, where she will pursue a pre-medical degree to achieve her goal of becoming a pediatrician; and

WHEREAS, Miss Peterson's pageant victory is especially pleasing for her family, and she takes great pride in her opportunity to be a role model for young people within her community; and

WHEREAS, Jaliyah Peterson has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from scholastic achievement to pageant competition, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Jaliyah Peterson on being crowned Miss Black Clarksville 2014, applaud her accomplishment, and extend to her our best wishes for an enjoyable and successful reign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.